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PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) proposes to make physical education compulsory in all schools and colleges in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof and if not,the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of Physical Education teachers sanctioned and actually appointed in each State/Union Territory including Delhi during each of the last three years and in the current year;

(d) whether there is any shortage of physical education teachers in the country; and

(e) if so,the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SH. M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) & (b) : Physical Education is compulsory from primary to secondary stage (from classes I-X) & is prescribed as an optional subject at the senior secondary stage (classes XI- XII) in the schools affiliated to CBSE.

The National Curriculum Framework-2005 (NCF-2005) prepared b y the National Council o f Educational Research a nd Training recommends Health and Physical Education to be compulsory from primary to secondary stage and as an optional subject at higher secondary stage.

The NCF-2005 emphasizes comprehensive health and physical education curriculum.NCF-2005 has been circulated to all the States/Union territories.It is for the States/Union Territories to develop their own curriculum and syllabus based on NCF.

(c) to (e): Physical education teachers are appointed by the respective States/Union Territories and the statistics of these teachers is not maintained by the Central Government.